

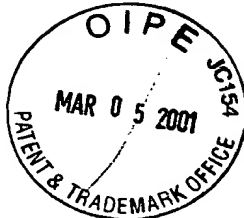
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE THE APPLICATION OF

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FOR: Forming a signature of parameters extracted
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In response to the above-identified Office Action, it is requested that the application be
further amended as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 10-13, 22, 23 and 29 as set out below:

1. (thrice amended) A method of detecting anomalies in [the transmission of] messages
transmitted by an entity [by storing information relating to the transmission of messages by
the entity over a given time period and using an anomaly detector said method] comprising
the steps of:

- (i) storing information relating to the transmission of messages by the entity over a given
time period.
- (ii) creating a signature comprising a plurality of parameters related to the transmission
of messages over that time period wherein the parameters comprise at least one
parameter related to the transmission of messages over a portion of the period and
also related to the position of the portion in the period, to enable output data to be
derived from the stored information;

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